



PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2653**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Please Enter
In re the Application of

Yoshitaka SASAKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2653

Application No.: 10/671,440

Examiner: J. WATKO

Filed: September 29, 2003

Docket No.: 117329

For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD, A HEAD GIMBAL ASSEMBLY, AND A HARD
DISK DRIVE (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the January 9, 2006 Office Action and the April 19, 2006, telephone
interview, the period for reply extended to May 9, 2006, by the attached Petition for
Extension of Time filed herein, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims;

Amendments to the Drawings include attached replacement sheets; and

Remarks.